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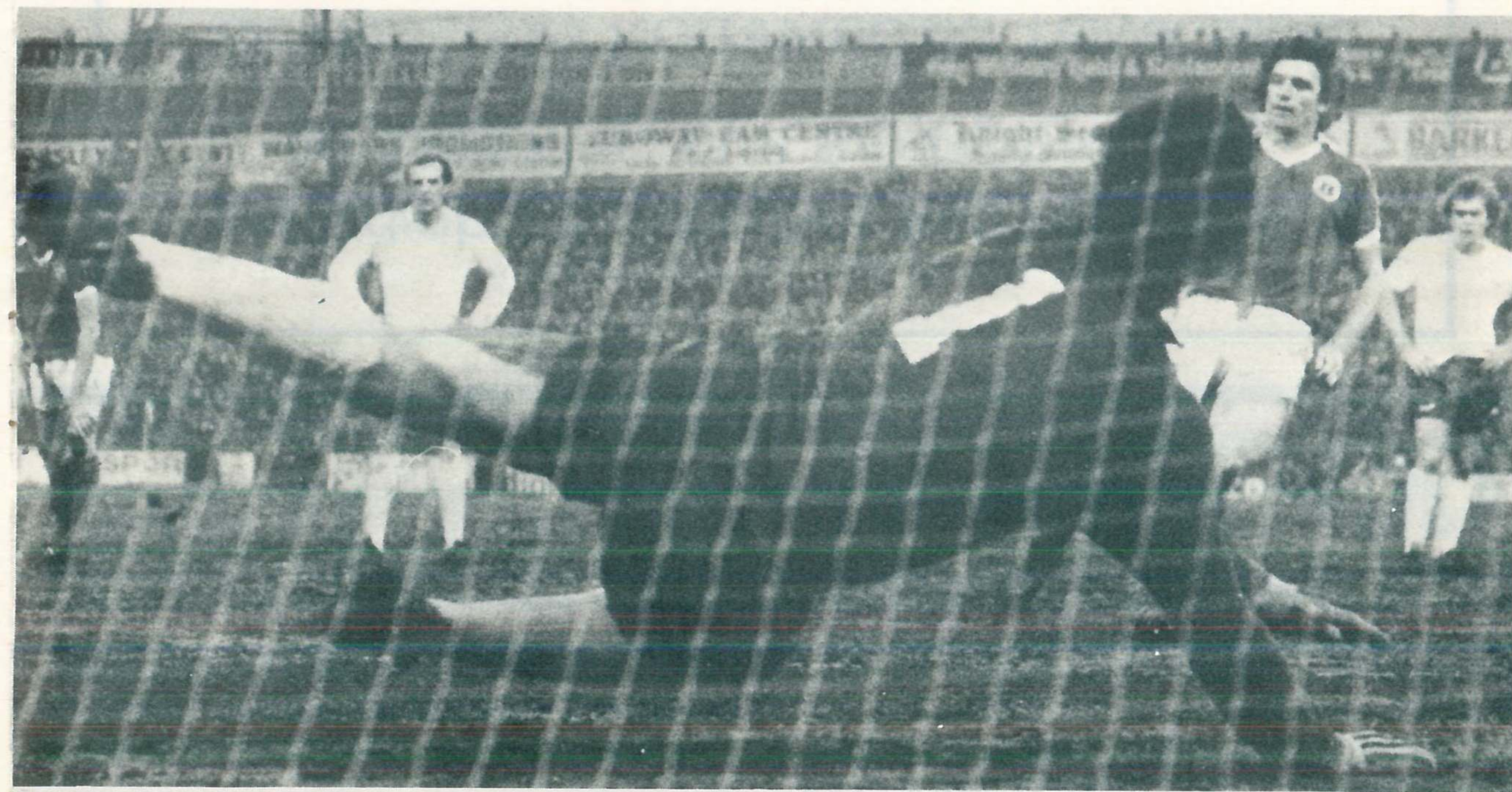


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EVERTON ACTION





TREVOR ROSS always argued that he was "robbed" of a goal when the original fixture at Bolton was abandoned on New Year's Day — and scrubbed from the record books. He was also denied in the re-arranged match at Burnden Park a fortnight ago when the referee blew for off-side as he neatly tucked away a chance under pressure (below).

But Trevor did leave Bolton with a goal to his name — from the penalty spot (above) after Brian Kidd had been barged off the ball by centre half Paul Jones (left). Trevor still thought it was scoring a goal the hard way. After all, he had to get a "hat-trick" for one to count against Bolton!

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GOODISON OPINION

FOR the second time in three seasons, Everton reached the semi-final of the FA Youth Cup — and did it in real style by trouncing Coventry City 6-1 at Highfield Road. In the last four, we meet Millwall, while the other semi-final will be played between Manchester City and Southampton.

Congratulations are obviously in order for the coaches, Colin Harvey and Graham Smith, and the man responsible for bringing top-class youngsters to Goodison Park — Ray Minshull.

While our lads were winning at Coventry, Ray underlined the professional approach to the competition by travelling to Nottingham, where he watched Millwall beat Forest 1-0 in the quarter-final. Two of Millwall's players, David Mehmet and Kevin O'Callaghan, had played in the Second Division only 24 hours earlier.

Our qualification for the semi-final provides an interesting answer to a recent Editorial in the March Newsletter of our London supporters' club, ESCLA. The writer noted that none of the big four Lancashire clubs — Manchester City, Manchester United, Liverpool and Everton — had a single representative in the England Youth squad whereas there

were players from such clubs as Portsmouth, Gillingham and Crystal Palace.

He went on: "It is astonishing to me that with the resources of clubs like Everton and Liverpool, with their superb coaching and training facilities, neither club has a player in the squad. In Everton's case, it is fair to say that they do have players who play at this level, but they are either Welsh or Scottish."

In fact, the England side which beat Italy to qualify for the finals of the European Youth Tournament contained only one player based with a club north of the River Trent. Eight of the 13 players used are from clubs in London or the South.

The reason for this situation was partly explained by John Cartwright, the Crystal Palace coach who has been running the England team this season. He said: "I have come in for criticism — especially from Northern sports writers — that I seem to be concentrating on Southern players. To a certain extent, this is true, but let me qualify the circumstances.

"The first thing you have to remember is that I stand or fall by my own judgement. I could conceivably act on the recommendations of other coaches around the country, but when it comes to the crunch, the final decision has to be mine."

Mr Cartwright went on: "The very nature of my job at Palace precludes me from spending sufficient time travelling all over the country, so, in general, I have concentrated on selecting players of whom I have first-hand knowledge. So this may have given the formation of the squad a Southern emphasis, but, at the same time, I have had little or no option."



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GORDON LEE



OUR defeat at West Bromwich ended any real chance that we had of challenging for the championship but that should not devalue the team's efforts during the season or make the remaining games any less important. We want to get as many points as possible in order to guarantee a place in Europe.

As the pitches improved at the start of April, I feel that we started to play a bit of football, although the results at Bolton and West Bromwich do not appear to support this view. We lost these games because of missed chances and conceded goals, but overall I was quite satisfied with the standard of our football.

This afternoon we have an early opportunity to reverse the result from our meeting with Bolton a fortnight ago. After getting involved with the tension of the relegation fight, it seems that Bolton have cleared the danger zone with a few good results at home.

At the end of the season, the goal scoring form of Alan Gowling and Frank Worthington might be the main reason for them staying in the first division. It is not usual to associate 2 of the country's leading scorers with a team from the lower half of the table, but the 2 front men have obviously compensated for the number of goals that Bolton have conceded.

I am not surprised that Alan Gowling has done so well in his first full season with them. You only have to look at his record to know that he has always scored goals at any level. He is a very good player and a very good professional.

When I brought him to Newcastle, I told the fans that he would score more goals than Malcolm Macdonald. The supporters idolised Malcolm and probably thought I was being over optimistic. But Alan did not let me down. In 1975/76 he scored 30 league and cup goals — the best in the first division and six more than Malcolm's total.

I would have signed Alan for Everton if the situation had been right last season. However, he probably felt that the

fact he was with me at Newcastle would increase the pressure. Also, he would have been expected to do as well as Bob Latchford, who was then on his way to 30 goals in the league. Alan had proved himself once at Newcastle and perhaps the move to Bolton might be that people would not expect quite so much from him. Anyway, I am delighted that he has done so well this season.

Because of early printing deadlines for the Easter holidays I wrote these notes before we played Coventry City and also before the youth team played Millwall at home in the first leg of the semi-finals of the F.A. Youth Cup.

This is the second time the lads have got this far since I have been with the club. We have already seen some of the youth players from 2 years ago in the senior side, and while we all want the lads to win the cup this year, it is more important that some of them come into recognition for first team places in the future. Incidentally, the second leg at Millwall will be played on Wednesday 25th April.

Last weekend I attended a meeting of league managers at Bisham Abbey. The general feeling was that we want one voice to make us strong as a body for the good of the game. We believe that we have a great qualification in so far as we are all professionals.

One of the most interesting items on the agenda was a discussion about transfer fees. Some Managers want a limit, but I do not necessarily go along with that. If a club does well and achieves success through the turnstiles, then how they spend the money is their concern. There will always be a seller and a buyer but if you do not like the price, you do not have to pay either.

Probably the best suggestion was that transfer fees should be paid up completely within 7 days instead of the hire purchase arrangements which exist today. This would mean — no cash no new player.

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EVERTON WELCOMES

BOLTON

BOLTON Wanderers went a long way towards ensuring their First Division safety when beating Everton at Burnden Park and following up with a win against Q.P.R. This spell took them to nine points from five games and promoted the hope that Bolton will complete perhaps the most successful revival by a Lancashire town club.

Nine years ago, when Wanderers dropped into the Third Division, they shared the fate of many of their neighbours. Blackpool, Blackburn and Preston have each had their spells in Division III — and they're still not back in soccer's high society. But Bolton made it from a background of attendances dropping alarmingly towards the 5,000 mark.

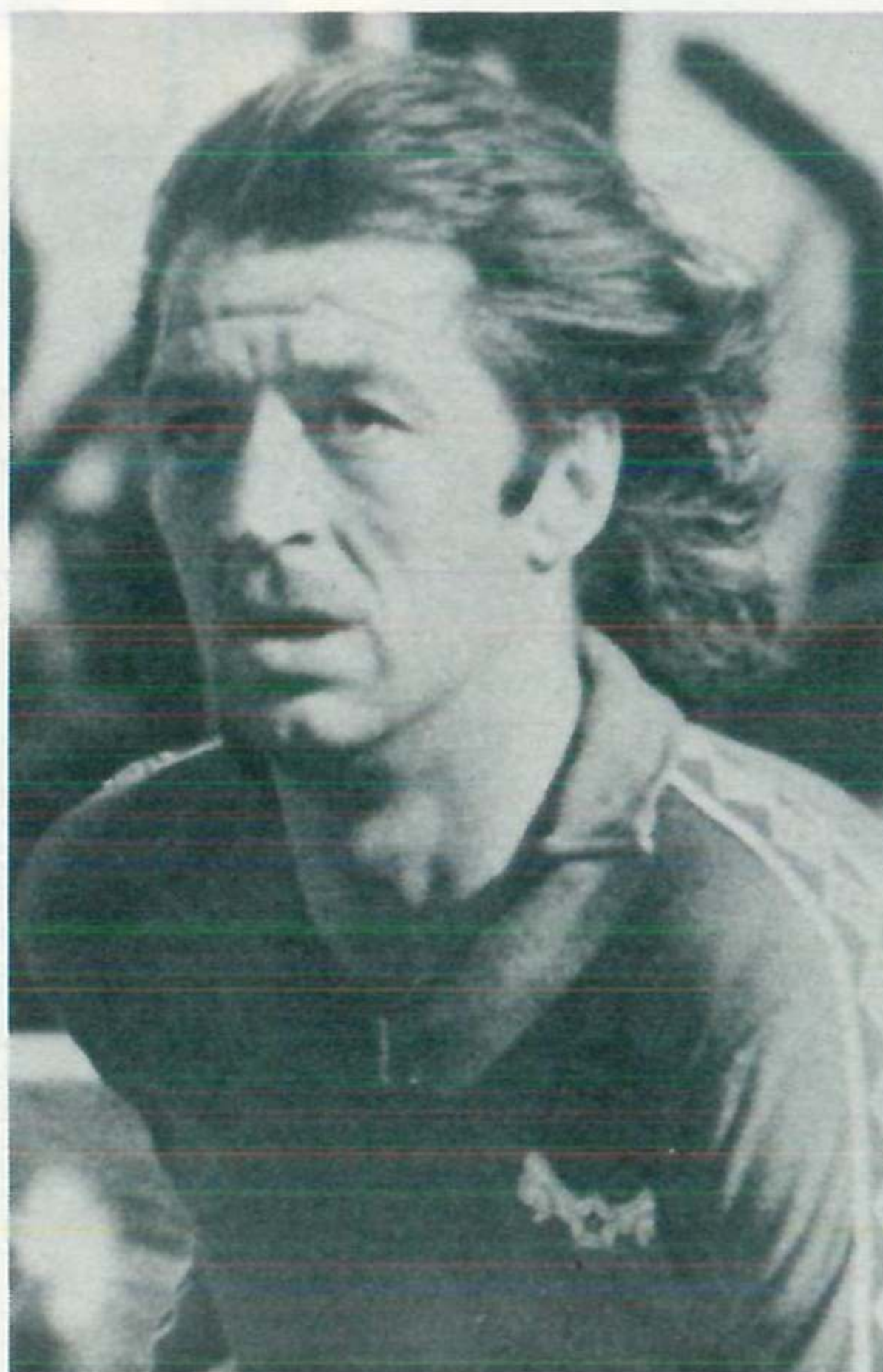
Certainly, it's one of the game's nicer stories to trace their recovery from the threat of obscurity.

Several managers tried to check the problems of the late Sixties and early Seventies. Nat Lofthouse, who is now working for the club in a promotional capacity, had two spells in charge of the team and Bolton also called on the services of Jimmy McIlroy and Jimmy Meadows.

Finally, the task of re-building from the Third Division went to Jimmy Armfield. He took Bolton to the Championship in 1973 and from that promising base, they developed solid continuity in their management. When Mr Armfield went to Leeds in October, 1974, Ian Greaves was promoted from assistant. He then appointed George Mulhall as his No 2 for the climb to the Second Division title last season.

When Mr Mulhall moved on to Bradford City in November last year, the experienced Stan Anderson was promptly brought in from Doncaster Rovers. So Bolton now have a set-up that is well tuned to the problems of achieving consolidation in the top sphere.

Ian Greaves, who played against Bolton in Manchester United's FA Cup Final side of 1958, has knowledge of similar circumstances from when he took Huddersfield Town to promotion



Frank Worthington

in 1970, while Stan Anderson won promotion from the Third Division for Middlesbrough and left the team which Jack Charlton pushed on into the First Division.

For most of the current campaign, Bolton have hovered just above the danger zone. This was largely due to a number of early-season injuries and a struggle to find a winning style in away matches. The injuries have eased off and Bolton are rightly confident of reaching safety without breaking away from attractive footballing methods.

Although this reputation was earned in the Second Division, where they finished fourth, fourth and first in successive seasons, Bolton retained their faith in the younger, home-produced players who are blended with well-trying campaigners such as Tony Dunne, Willie Morgan, Frank Worthington and Alan Gowling.

The adjustment to higher competition



Paul Jones

did produce some worries, but when things were looking decidedly grim at the end of November, Ian Greaves was prepared to be considerate. He accepted that a shortage of cover for the senior squad was the main reason for a run of eight games which yielded only two points.

Talking to the *Manchester Evening News*, he outlined his philosophy. "I could hardly go in complaining about some of our bad results, knowing that the lads had given their best after being asked to do a job they shouldn't really have tackled. Now, if they don't produce the goods with everybody available, they'll get a roasting. I am now in a position to ring the changes if necessary. I believe we have got the right side on the park, but things have to improve rapidly. We are running out of breathing space."

The comments were perfectly timed. Bolton responded by triumphing 3-1 at

QPR — their first away success of the season — and also by the same score at home to Wolves. At the same time, the bottom three clubs didn't manage a single point between them and, almost overnight, Bolton had opened up a significant gap.

They continued the good form by beating Manchester United 3-0 and drawing at Middlesbrough before the freeze-up left them without a League fixture from Boxing Day until the first week in February. This allowed some of the lower clubs to make up ground and Bolton fans were probably uneasy again when Wanderers took only one point from a run of four away games at the beginning of March.

At that stage, Mr Greaves was becoming concerned with an away record showing just one win and four

Willie Morgan



draws in 16 matches. Bolton had then conceded more away goals than any other First Division side and had been defeated by a three-goal margin on seven occasions.

In an interview with the *Manchester Evening News*, he said: "All season we have tried to allow our players to play the way they prefer and it has got us into trouble, particularly in away games. In the past, everybody has been allowed to play the way they wanted, but the time has come for them to sacrifice their own feelings. Something has to be done about our tactics away from home."

It seems Bolton found the solution in a very creditable 1-1 draw at Nottingham Forest and this result, combined with successive home wins against Southampton, Arsenal, Everton and Q.P.R., sent Bolton climbing nine points clear of the trouble area.

The climb was associated with one or two alterations to the midfield set-up. Brian Smith won back the place he lost in November to Neil McNab, the club's record buy at £250,000 from Spurs, while Neil Whatmore, who scored 21 League and Cup goals last season, replaced England Youth international David Burke as deputy for Peter Reid. The latter was put out for the rest of the season by an injury received against Everton in the abandoned game on New Year's Day.

The rest of the team has a familiar appearance. Former Rotherham goalkeeper Jim McDonagh remained an ever-present and the rest of the back four was virtually unchanged once the injuries cleared up in November. Peter Nicholson, signed from Blackpool in 1971, and Tony Dunne, who played 415 League games in 13 years with Manchester United, are the regular full backs, while Paul Jones, an England squad man two years ago, and Mike Walsh, now in his third season as a first-teamer, are settled in the centre. Experienced Sam Allardyce and Burke, a teenager who made his debut at left in September, are on stand-by.

Roy Greaves, in his Testimonial season, has been an automatic choice in midfield. Likewise, the vastly-experienced attacking trio have stayed together almost without interruption. Willie Morgan is still a dangerous winger, some 16 years after his League debut for Burnley; Frank Worthington, an England cap at Leicester, has rediscovered his best scoring form with more than 20 goals; and Alan Gowling, signed from Newcastle for £120,000 13 months ago, is also among the goals, scoring five in a spell of three games recently. Worthington and Gowling were both at Huddersfield when Mr Greaves was manager.

Name/ Birthplace/ Clubs	League		Caps	
	Apps.	Goals	U23	Full
SAM ALLARDYCE (Dudley)				
Bolton	157	18	—	—
DAVID BURKE (Winsford)				
Bolton	16	1	—	—
TONY DUNNE (Dublin)				
Man United	415	2	—	24
Bolton	161	—	—	8
ALAN GOWLING (Stockport)				
Man United	64	18	1	—
Huddersfield	128	58	—	—
Newcastle	91	30	—	—
Bolton	37	14	—	—
MIKE GRAHAM (Lancaster)				
Bolton	1	—	—	—
ROY GREAVES (Farnworth)				
Bolton	457	64	—	—
PAUL JONES (Ellesmere Port)				
Bolton	295	34	—	—
JIM McDONAGH (Rotherham)				
Rotherham	121	—	—	—
Bolton	109	—	—	—
NEIL McNAB (Greenock)				
Morton	11	—	—	—
Tottenham	63	3	1	—
Bolton	16	2	—	—
WILLIE MORGAN (Glasgow)				
Burnley	183	19	1	1
Man United	236	23	—	20
Burnley	12	—	—	—
Bolton	124	7	—	—
PETER NICHOLSON (Cleaton Moor)				
Blackpool	3	—	—	—
Bolton	243	12	—	—
TADEUSZ NOWAZ (Poland)				
Legia Warsaw	+	+	—	4
Bolton	—	—	—	—
TERRY POOLE (Chesterfield)				
Huddersfield	207	—	—	—
Bolton	—	—	—	—
BRIAN SMITH (Bolton)				
Bolton	37	3	—	—
Bradford C (loan)	8	—	—	—
MIKE WALSH (Manchester)				
Bolton	87	2	—	—
NEIL WHATMORE (Ellesmere Port)				
Bolton	176	71	—	—
FRANK WORTHINGTON (Halifax)				
Huddersfield	166	42	2	—
Leicester	209	72	—	8
Bolton	66	30	—	—

All details up to and including Tuesday, 3rd April, 1979. Substitute appearances in League games not listed, but goals scored by substitutes are included. Substitute appearances count for international caps.

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BOLTON RESULTS 1978-79:

Bris. C. (H) 1-2, Southampton (A) 2-2, WBA (A) 0-4, Chelsea (FLC, H) 2-1, B'ham (H) 2-2, Derby (H) 2-1, Arsenal (A) 0-1, Norwich (H) 3-2, Liverpool (A) 0-3, Exeter (FLC, A) 1-2, Leeds (H) 3-1, Chelsea (A) 3-4, Man C. (H) 2-2, Spurs (A) 0-2, Coventry (H) 0-0, Bris. C. (A) 1-4, WBA (H) 0-1, B'ham (A) 0-3, Forest (H) 0-1, QPR (A) 3-1, Wolves (H) 3-1, Ipswich (A) 0-3, Man Utd (H) 3-0, Middlesbrough (A) 1-1, Bris. C. (FAC, A) 1-3, Norwich (A) 0-0, Chelsea (H) 2-1, Man C. (A) 1-2, Villa (A) 0-3, Coventry (A) 2-2, Derby (A) 0-3, Southampton (H) 2-0, Arsenal (H) 4-2, Forest (A) 1-1, Everton (H) 3-1, QPR (H) 2-1.





24. PAT HEARD

PAT Heard recently completed a run of eight consecutive first-team appearances, but his omission from the side at Bolton was certainly no reflection on the ability of the England Youth international from Hull. "He is sure to get back," said Gordon Lee.

The manager was delighted with Pat's form in the senior side and went on: "He is a very dedicated boy with a lot of desire to want to be a First Division player. He knows his limitations, and his strengths and weaknesses, and I am pretty certain he has the qualities to make a very good professional. More than that, he is a very good player as well.

"He knows the game well and has what I call soccer know-how. He is versatile, too. He's played at left midfield, centre midfield and left back, and I feel he has the ability to become a second centre back. He had a difficult beginning in the first team — especially games against Nottingham Forest and Liverpool — but he took everything in his stride and improved as the games went on."

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TOFFEE TALK

YOUTH TRIUMPH

IN today's Goodison Opinion article, we pay tribute to the Everton youngsters for their outstanding 6-1 win against Coventry City in the quarter-finals of the FA Youth Cup.

The goals were scored by Gordon Taylor (2), Steve McMahon (2), Kevin Ratcliffe and Dean Kelly. The team line-up (4-4-2 formation) was: John McKenna; Mark Tansey, Paul Lodge, Kevin Ratcliffe, Brian Borrows, David Barton, Phil Gardner (sub.: Dean Kelly), Steve McMahon, Joe McBride; Karl Green, Gordon Taylor.

During the run to the semi-final, the side has changed as several lads have left the club. "We have lost five players," says Youth Development Officer Ray Minshall. "This is a problem at youth-team level. If players reach the stage where they are not considered quite good enough to be retained as full professionals, obviously we cannot keep them just for the purposes of the Youth Cup."

QUIZ SPOT

The winner of No 23 (v Coventry City) will be announced at a later date.

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YOUNG BLUES

No. 11 BRIAN BORROWS

THIS year's Everton youth team is made up by players from four categories — full professionals, apprentices, schoolboys and amateurs. Brian Borrows comes under the latter heading and is hoping to follow the example of David Jones and Billy Wright in graduating from the amateur ranks to a place on the full-time staff.

Brian is also a defender, but with a ready eye for goal-scoring chances. Recently, he had a golden run of three goals in successive matches — for the 'A' team against Stockport, for the Youth team against Bristol Rovers, and for Liverpool County FA against Nottingham.

He plays at right back or midfield for the 'A' team, but in the run to the semi-final of the FA Youth Cup, he has appeared in the left back position. So far, he has had just one game in the Central League. That was against Bury in February, but he says realistically: "As an amateur, I understand that maybe the club has to pick professionals and apprentices before me." However, Brian is almost a full-timer in that he trains regularly at Bellefield while keeping an eye open for a job.

At 13, he linked up with Everton on the recommendation of a teacher at New Heys Comprehensive School. He played for Liverpool Under-13's and was later attached to Everton on schoolboy forms. He was born in Liverpool and now lives with his family in Allerton.

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Ib Rasmussen, of Danmarksgade 16, 8900 Randers, Denmark, is 19 and wants an Evertonian pen-pal who goes to home and away matches.

Marie Elvin, of 67 Richmond Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, is 16 and would like to correspond with a boy or girl, 15-18. Her hobbies are travel, cooking and writing letters.

Trudi Crellin, of 67 Station Park, Colby, Castletown, Isle of Man, is 15 and a "fanatic" of Everton. She would like a pen-pal to give details of Everton matches.

John Devlin, of 25 Woodburn Avenue, Blantyre, Glasgow G72 9BA, is 14 and a Celtic supporter. He would like an Everton pen-pal to exchange programmes and views on the two clubs.

Brian Davis, of 5 Ely Gardens, Ilford, Essex, is 15 and would like a female pen-pal of the same age who supports Everton. Please send a photograph.

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TOFFEE TALK

WHEN Gordon Lee beat the March transfer deadline to sign Brian Kidd from Manchester City and Peter Eastoe from Queen's Park Rangers, he made the scoring potential of the Everton attack as strong as any side in the First Division. If you take Bob Latchford's career record of 161 League goals and add the 184 netted by Brian and Peter, you have a formidable trio with no fewer than 345 League strikes in the record book.

Both players looked forward to teaming up with a strong target man like "big Bob". "I like to play off a front runner," said Brian. "It didn't suit me when I was asked to play at centre forward with City." And Peter agreed: "I prefer to work off a centre forward — but I'm ready to do my share of the work as well."

As the more experienced of the two newcomers, Brian joined Everton with a background of life in the top bracket. "Yes," he says, "I've been fortunate in playing for the two Manchester clubs and Arsenal, whom I consider to be the biggest club in the south. And I can tell you that Everton is an unbelievable place."

There were no promises from Brian, just a realistic attitude of a consistent striker who knows all about the pressures of chasing honours for season after season. "Football is like anything in life," he went on. "You have to work hard for anything that you get. People have mentioned to me the possibilities of a partnership with Bob Latchford. But the big thing is that I am just excited at joining Everton as a club. There are some great players here and I hope to win a medal or two."

Brian exploded on to the soccer scene as a teenager, winning England Under-23 caps and scoring in the European Cup Final as a teenager. He then progressed to a place in England's World Cup squad in Mexico just after his 21st birthday. Considering this background and the powerful position which all his clubs have occupied in the First Division, it may sound surprising to record that his only major medal at club level was from the European Cup Final in 1968.

But he says: "Plenty of world-class players have not achieved anything in terms of winning medals and playing in Cup Finals at Wembley. My clubs have always been challenging for honours and I've usually been involved in Europe. I'm looking forward to being there again with Everton next season."

Brian's departure from Manchester City, after scoring 57 League and Cup goals in less than three years, may have surprised neutral observers. He made a fine start to the season by scoring in the first three League games, but was then out for five weeks with a broken bone in the foot. He says of the transfer: "I

don't take anything for granted and nothing surprises me. It's just the way of life in football."

One advantage of the move to Everton is that Brian does not have to move his home. He lives in north Manchester and it's no problem to nip down the motorway to Liverpool each morning.

For Peter Eastoe, joining Everton is the logical progression towards his next ambition. He explains: "When I was at Wolves as a teenager, I couldn't get into the side because of John Richards and Derek Dougan. So I wanted first-team football and I got that by moving to Swindon. I was there on loan for two or three months and then completed a permanent transfer. I had a very good season with 31 goals and, at 20 or 21, it was very exciting for a lad of my age, although it was only in the Third Division. After that, I wanted first Division football and that came about with QPR. Now I want to win something in the First Division. If I had planned things, they couldn't have worked out better."

The last few days before the transfer deadline were hectic for Peter. On the Tuesday, he went for talks with Sunderland and on the Wednesday, he spoke to Gordon Lee — as well as hearing that Crystal Palace were in the race. He said: "I was flattered that three clubs of such potential should want to sign me. I was very proud to be associated with such clubs — and delighted when I eventually signed for Everton."

Peter is aware that competition for places will be very tough at Everton, but he tells us that he faced a similar situation on joining QPR three years ago. "When Dave Sexton was there, they had a very good side," says Peter. "Dave bought me in March, but didn't want to change the team that season. I had to fight hard to get in for the next season, but once I got in, I held my place. I'm willing to do the same again at Everton."

Peter is already looking around the estate agents for property on Merseyside and will have plenty of time to settle

down before his wife has a baby in the Autumn.



Above:
Peter Eastoe
Below:
Brian Kidd



CAPTAIN'S PAGE



WE have to be realistic now and concede that our chances of winning the Championship have virtually disappeared. But in saying that, there were good signs in the games at Bolton and West Bromwich, even though we were beaten.

The arrival of Brian Kidd and Peter Eastoe, as well as John Barton, seems to be good for the future. John, in particular, did really well at West Brom. He played at either right or left back because Dave Jones was following Laurie Cunningham. If his first two games are anything to go by, he could go on to win honours — yes, he could be that good.

The gap between the Southern League and the First Division is tremendous, yet John has made the switch quite easily. And it seems the fans have taken to him. They are already singing — "There's only one Special Agent". We might have to think about that and start calling him Dick Barton!

At the moment, John is still living in digs while his wife is down in Birmingham. This is obviously awkward for him and he will be all the better when he gets his own house up here.

The worst part about the new lads coming into the side is that others had to go out — Billy Wright, Mark Higgins, Pat Heard and George Telfer. Billy has possibly suffered because of his willingness to play in more than one position. It was a problem I had in my younger days. Although it's an asset to be considered for several positions, the time comes when you want to settle down in one place.

The competition is really tough for defenders, largely because we have unearthed five back-four players in the last two or three years. We have three centre backs, Dave Jones, Billy Wright and Mark Higgins, a right back in John Barton and a left back in Pat Heard. This must be the best record in Britain, for they are all of good First Division standard.

If we accept that the title is a long shot, then our target for now must be to finish as high as possible for a place in Europe. The number of places available will depend on what happens in the European Cup and the FA Cup Final, and although we should qualify, the job is not over yet.

The biggest disappointment for us is that we feel we have been better in our games against all the top teams, but, of course, that's no consolation when they have more points than us. Frankly, I was not too impressed by West Brom, but they are the only top side to have beaten us in the League this season.

I thought the Press reports of our match at The Hawthorns were unfair, although we are almost used to getting rough treatment from the media. It seems they are always looking for an angle to get at us and at West Brom, the publicity was all about two decisions. One paper did not even mention the chances we had.

Our youth side put up a tremendous performance in beating Coventry 6-1 in the FA Youth Cup. They played against Tony Hateley's son — he's already 6ft 4ins tall! — and, beforehand, Tony had told Colin Harvey that it would be a tough match against a good Coventry side. It seemed that way, for Coventry had beaten Bristol Rovers 3-1 in their previous match, whereas our lads took three matches to beat Bristol in the Youth Cup.

Finally, there's good news of some of the lads who left us. George Tulloch has signed for Dundee United, Mark Hanson is on trial with Blackburn, and Denis Corrigan is playing as a professional in Denmark. Incidentally, Denis's brother, Frank, was an amateur with me at Everton and now he's playing for Wigan.

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Home fixtures in CAPITALS Everton's score first Player's number in bold — scorer Superior figure — number of goals scored				● Denotes substituted player + Own goal by opposition		EASTOE KIDD VARADI DARRACOTT DOBSON HIGGINS JONES JACK KING LATCHFORD LYONS NULTY PEJIC ROBINSON ROSS HEARD TELFER THOMAS TODD WALSH WOOD WRIGHT																											
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Aug. 19—	Chelsea	31,755	1-0	2/—					2	8	5			7 ¹	9	4	6	3	12			11		10	1								
" 22—	DERBY COUNTY	39,848	2-1	4/—					2	8				7 ¹	9	4	6 ¹	3		12	11		10	1	5								
" 26—	ARSENAL	41,179	1-0	6/3					2	8				7	9	4	6	3	*12		11 ¹		10	1	5								
" 29—	WIMBLEDON (LC2)	23,137	8-0	—/—					2	8 ³				7	9 ⁵	4	6	3	2	12	11		10	1	5								
Sept. 2—	Manchester United	53,982	1-1	7/4					2	8				7 ¹	9	4	6	3		12	11		10	1	5								
" 9—	MIDDLESBRO.	36,201	2-0	9/3					2	8 ¹				7	9	4 ¹	6	3		12	11		10	1	5								
" 12—	Finn Harps (UEFA 1)	6,000	5-0	—/—					2	8	12			7 ²	9 ¹	4	6	3		12	11		10 ¹	1	5								
" 16—	Aston Villa	38,636	1-1	10/2					2	8				7	9	4	6	3		12	11		10 ¹	1	5								
" 23—	WOLVERHAMPT. W.	38,895	2-0	12/2					2	8				7 ¹	9 ¹	4	12	3		6	11	2	10	1	5								
" 26—	FINN HARPS (UEFA 1)	21,611	5-0	—/—					2	8 ¹	13			7 ¹	9 ¹	4	12	3		6 ¹	11		10 ¹	1	5								
" 30—	Bristol City	22,331	2-2	13/2					2	8				7	9 ²	4	12	3		6	11	2	10	1	5								
Oct. 3—	DARLINGTON (LC3)	23,682	1-0	—/—				12	8 ¹					7	9	4	11	3		6		2	10	1	5								
" 7—	SOUTHAMPTON	38,769	0-0	14/2					8					7	9	4	12	3		6	11	2	10	1	5								
" 14—	Ipswich Town	22,676	1-0	16/2					8					7	9 ¹	4	12	3	12	6	11	2	10	1	5								
" 18—	DUKLA P'GUE (UEFA 2)	32,857	2-1	—/—				2	8					7 ¹	9 ¹	4	12	3	12	6	11		10	1	5								
" 21—	Queens Park Rangers	21,171	1-1	17/2					8					7	9 ¹	4	6	3		12	11	2	10	1	5								
" 28—	LIVERPOOL	53,131	1-0	19/2					8					7 ¹	9	6	3		12	11	2	10	1	5									
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" 4—	Nottingham Forest	35,415	0-0	20/2				2	8					7	9	12	3		6		11	4	10	1	5								
" 7—	NOTTM FOREST (LC 4)	48,503	+2-3	—/—				2	8					7	9 ¹	12	3		6		11	4	10	1	5								
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" 18—	Arsenal	39,801	2-2	23/2					8 ¹					7	9	4	12	3		6 ¹	11	2	10	1	5								
" 21—	MAN. UNITED	41,926	3-0	25/2					8					7 ¹	9 ¹	4	12	3		6 ¹	11	2	10	1	5								
" 25—	Norwich City	19,383	1-0	27/2					8					7	9	4 ¹	12	3		6	12	11	2	1	5								
Dec. 9—	Birmingham City	23,391	3-1	29/2					8	10				7	9 ¹	4	12	3		6 ¹	12	11	2 ¹	1	5								
" 16—	LEEDS UNITED (2)	37,997	1-1	30/2					8	10				7	9	4	12	3		6 ¹	11	2	1	5									
" 23—	Coventry City	22,834	2-3	30/2					8	10	3			7	9 ¹	4 ¹	6		12		11	2	1	5									
" 26—	MAN. CITY	46,997	1-0	32/2					8	10	3			7	9	4	6		12		11	2	1	5 ¹									
" 30—	TOTT. HOTSPUR	44,572	1-1	33/2					8		3			7	9	4 ¹	6		10	12	11	2	1	5									
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Jan. 10—	Sunderland (FAC 3)	28,602	1-2	—/—				3	8 ¹					7	9	4		12	6		11	2	10	1	5								
" 31—	ASTON VILLA	29,079	1-1	34/2					8	3				7	9	4		12	6		11 ¹	2	10	1	5								
Feb. 3—	Wolverhampton W.	21,892	0-1	34/3					8	3				7	9	4		12	6	12	11	2	10	1	5								
" 10—	BRISTOL CITY	29,166	4-1	36/1					8	3				10 ³	9	4		2	6		11	7	12	1	5 ¹								
" 17—	Southampton	20,673	0-3	36/3					8	3				10	9	4		2	6		11	7	12	1	5								
" 24—	IPSWICH TOWN	29,031	0-1	36/3					8	3				7	9	4		2	6		11	7	12	1	5								
Mar. 3—	Q.S. PK. RANGERS	24,809	2-1	38/2					8					7	9 ¹	4		2	6		11	7	12	1	5								
" 6—	Middlesbrough	15,990	2-1	40/2					8	2	7 ¹			7	9 ¹	4		2	6		11	7	12	1	5								
" 10—	NOTTM FOREST	37,435	1-1	41/2					8	2				7	9	4		2	6		11	7	12	1	5								
" 13—	Liverpool	52,352	1-1	42/2					8	12				7 ¹	9	4		2	6		11	7	12	1	5								
" 24—	Derby County	20,814	0-0	44/2					8	9				7	9	4		2	6		11	7	12	1	5								
" 30—	NORWICH CITY	28,825	2-2	44/2					12	8	9			7	9	4 ²		2	6		11	7	12	1	5								
April 3—	Bolton W.	27,263	1-3	44/2	12	7			5	8				9	4			6 ¹		10	11	2	1	5									
" 7—	West Brom. Albion	29,560	0-1	44/4	12	10			2	8				7	9	4		6		10	11	2	1	5									
" 10—	COVENTRY CITY	25,302	3-3	45/3	11	10 ¹			2	8				7	9 ¹	4		6 ¹		12	11	2	1	5									
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" 5—	Tottenham Hotspur								2	8				7	9	4		6 ¹		12	11	2	1	5									
" 12—	F.A. Cup Final								2	8				7	9	4		6 ¹		12	11	2	1	5									

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LEAGUE TABLE

	HOME				Goals				Goals				
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Liverpool	32	15	2	0	43	4	8	4	3	24	7	52	
W.B.A.	30	11	3	2	34	12	9	3	2	28	15	46	
EVERTON	36	10	7	1	30	15	5	8	5	19	21	45	
Nottm Forest	31	9	7	0	29	8	6	7	2	19	12	44	
Arsenal	35	10	7	2	31	15	6	3	7	21	21	42	
Leeds	34	7	4	4	29	16	7	8	4	29	27	40	
Coventry	37	8	7	3	31	27	3	8	8	16	34	37	
Bristol City	37	10	5	4	33	19	4	4	10	11	26	37	
Man. Utd.	31	7	4	4	23	20	6	5	5	28	32	35	
Ipswich	34	8	4	6	27	19	5	4	7	16	22	34	
Norwich	35	7	9	2	27	15	0	11	6	21	35	34	
Middlesbrough	35	9	4	5	30	19	4	4	9	20	26	34	
Aston Villa	31	5	7	3	22	17	5	6	5	17	16	33	
Tottenham	35	6	5	6	15	22	5	7	6	22	30	33	
Southampton	32	8	6	2	28	14	2	6	8	10	24	32	
Man. City	33	5	4	6	23	23	4	8	6	23	22	30	
Bolton	33	10	3	3	32	18	1	5	11	14	39	30	
Derby	35	7	5	6	22	20	2	4	11	15	37	27	
Wolves	34	7	3	7	19	25	3	2	12	14	34	25	
Q.P.R.	35	3	8	6	18	25	2	3	13	16	32	21	
Birmingham	34	5	6	6	22	21	0	1	16	9	31	17	
Chelsea	34	2	4	11	17	35	2	4	12	17	42	16	

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EVERTON

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- 1 GEORGE WOOD
- 2 JOHN BARTON
- 3 DAVID JONES
- 4 MIKE LYONS
- 5 COLIN TODD
- 6 TREVOR ROSS
- 7 ANDY KING
- 8 MARTIN DOBSON
- 9 BOB LATCHFORD
- 10 BRIAN KIDD
- 11 DAVE THOMAS
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BOLTON

White Shirts, Navy Blue Shorts

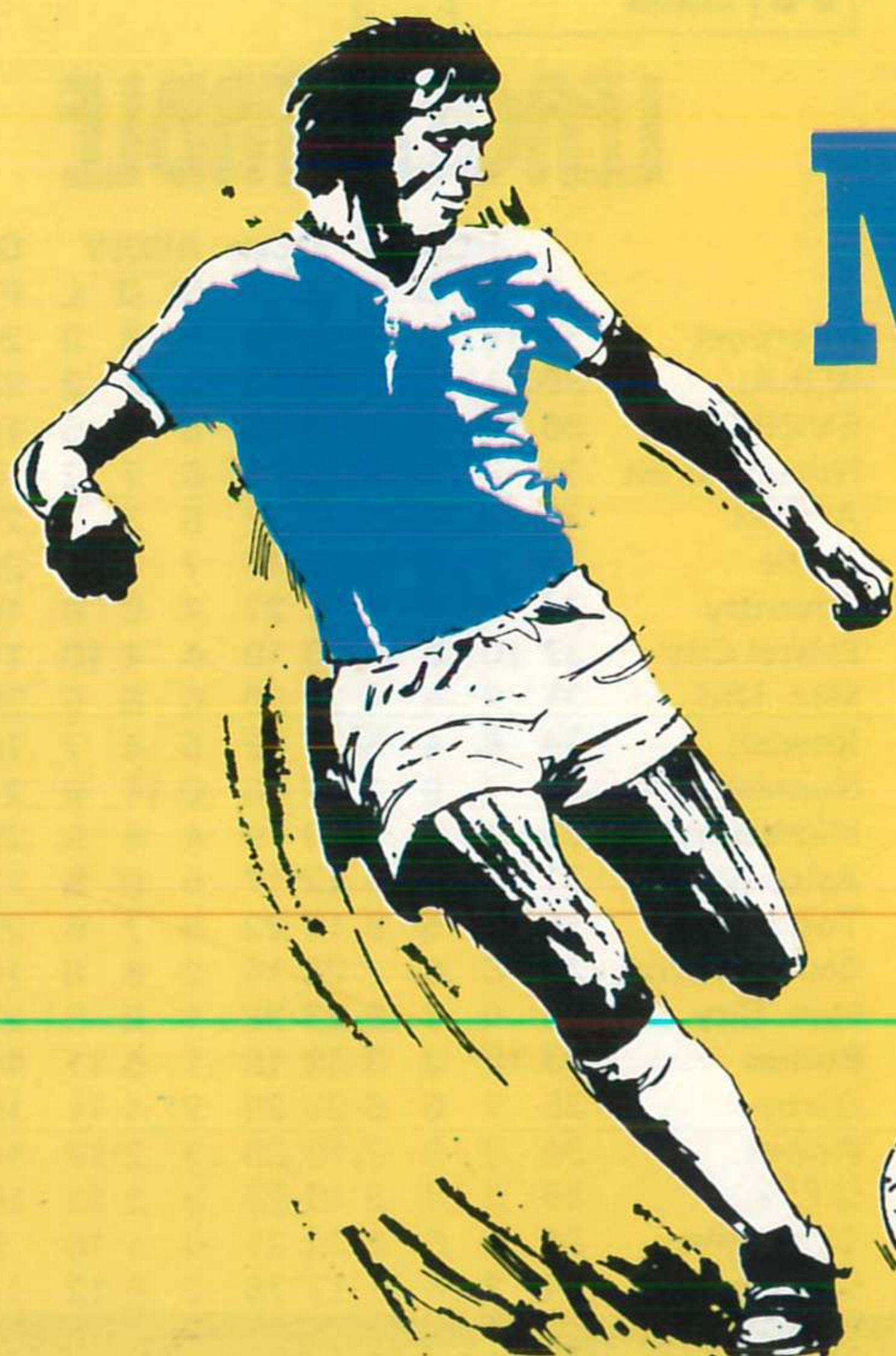
- 1 JIM McDONAGH
- 2 PETER NICHOLSON
- 3 TONY DUNNE
- 4 ROY GREAVES
- 5 PAUL JONES
- 6 MIKE WALSH
- 7 WILLIE MORGAN
- 8 NEIL WHATMORE
- 9 ALAN GOWLING
- 10 FRANK WORTHINGTON
- 11 BRIAN SMITH
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Linesmen:

F. PHIPPS, Clwyd (Red Flag)
F. STRINGFELLOW, Holmes Chapel (Yellow Flag)

Referee: J. HUNTING, Leicester

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